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RANCHO SANTA ANA

BOTANIC GARDEN

OF THE
NATIVE PLANTS OF CALIFORNIA
(SANTA ANA CANON, ORANGE COUNTY)

June 15, 1933.

Dr. Willis P. Jepson,
11 Mosswood Road,
Berkeley, California.

My dear Doctor Jepson:

It has been several years since your flying visit to Rancho Santa Ana on a day which belied all our boasting about the "perfect climate" of Southern California, but in spite of some bad weather and other drawbacks we have been making steady progress with the development of our Botanic Garden program.

You gave us our first start by furnishing Mr. Braunton with a complete list for this planting plan of trees and shrubs native to California, and your wise counsel has helped us on many occasions. I am sure now you would feel that we are really establishing a scientific garden if you could see the plantings already set out and thriving, and the systematic Herbarium and Nursery records we are keeping. Mr. Wolf, our Botanist, has been gaining some really constructive data, and Mr. Johnson and Mr. Stark continue to build up the permanent improvements, and grow nursery stock as needed. Mr. Cavers, secretary, assembles our records and keeps accurate reports of everything that is done.

We have enough worthwhile material to publish a year book, and I am writing to ask if we may have the privilege of counting you a member of our Garden "Counsellors". Your official endorsement will be a real incentive to us, and I am sure we are working along scientific lines in a way which would meet with your full approval.

For the past two years the entire expense of operating the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden has been borne by the income from its endowment fund, and I anticipate that even in this year of curtailed dividends the securities laid aside "before the crash" will carry the whole burden of expense.

Trusting to hear from you very soon, and hoping that you may find time to spend a day or two with us during the Summer if you can arrange a visit to Southern California,

I am, with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Susanna Bixby Bryant.